



JEST: N+1-version Differential Testing of Both JavaScript Engines and Specification

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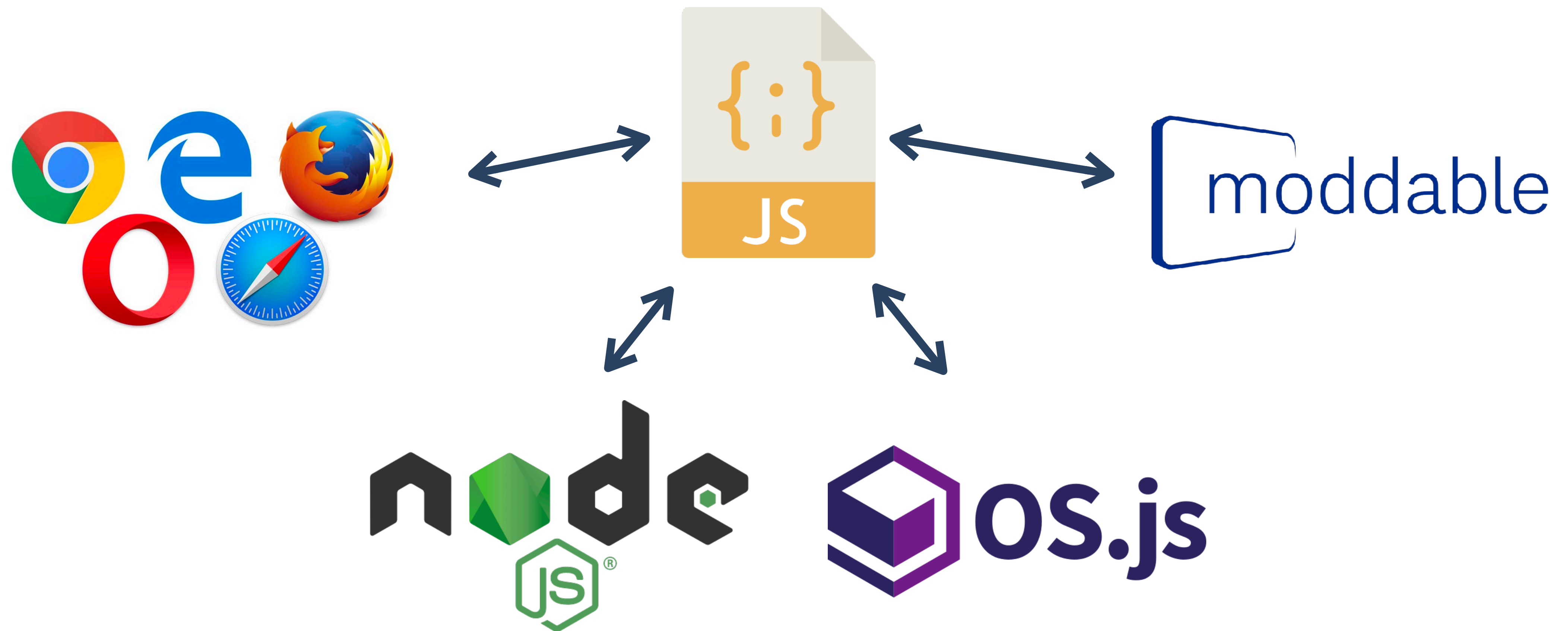
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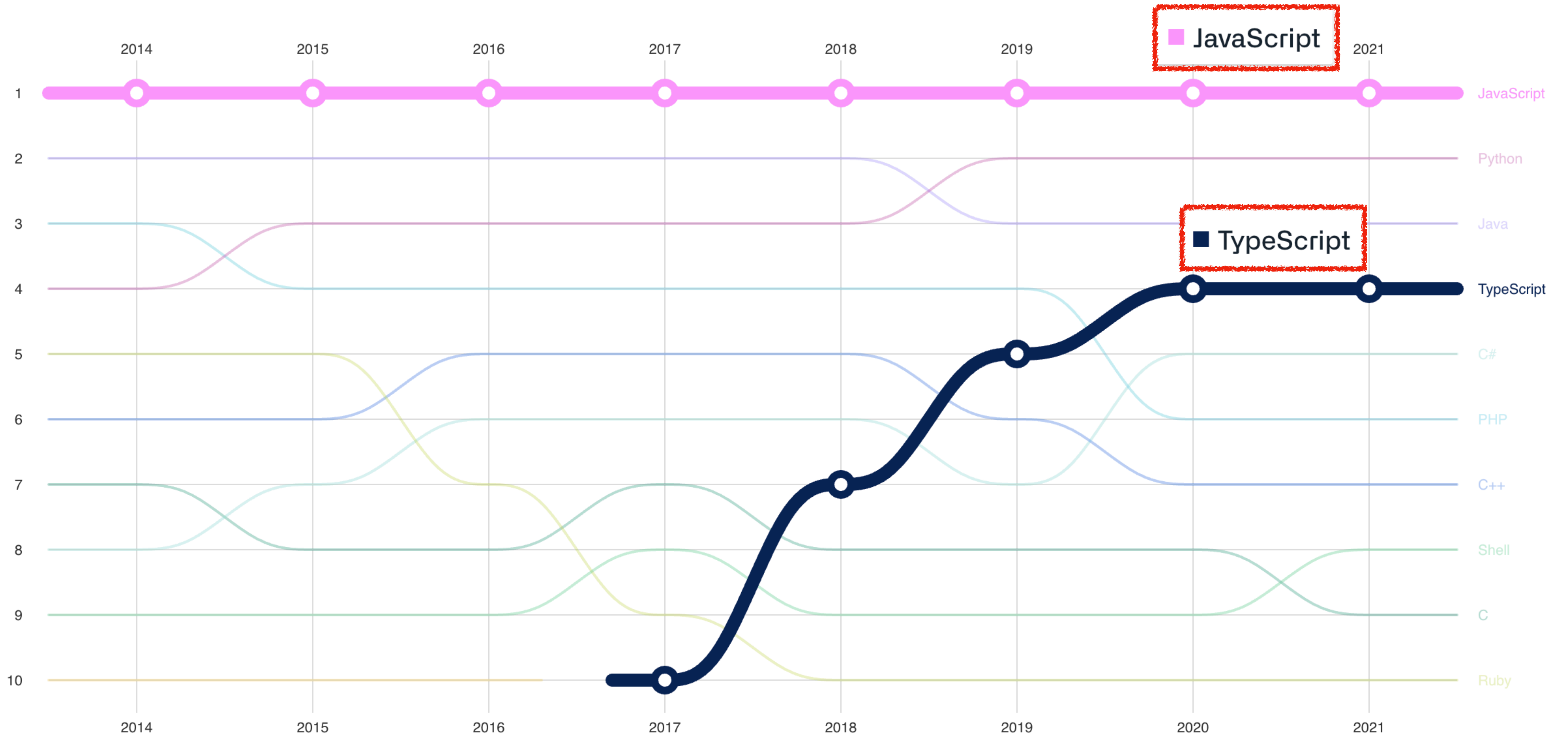
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JavaScript is Everywhere





<https://octoverse.github.com/>

JavaScript Complex Semantics

```
function f(x) { return x == !x; }
```

Always return **false**?

NO!!

```
f ( []) -> [] == ![]  
         -> [] == false  
         -> +[] == +false  
         -> 0 == 0  
         -> true
```


ECMAScript: JavaScript Specification



Semantics

Syntax

```
ArrayLiteral[Yield, Await] :  
  [ Elisionopt ]  
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```

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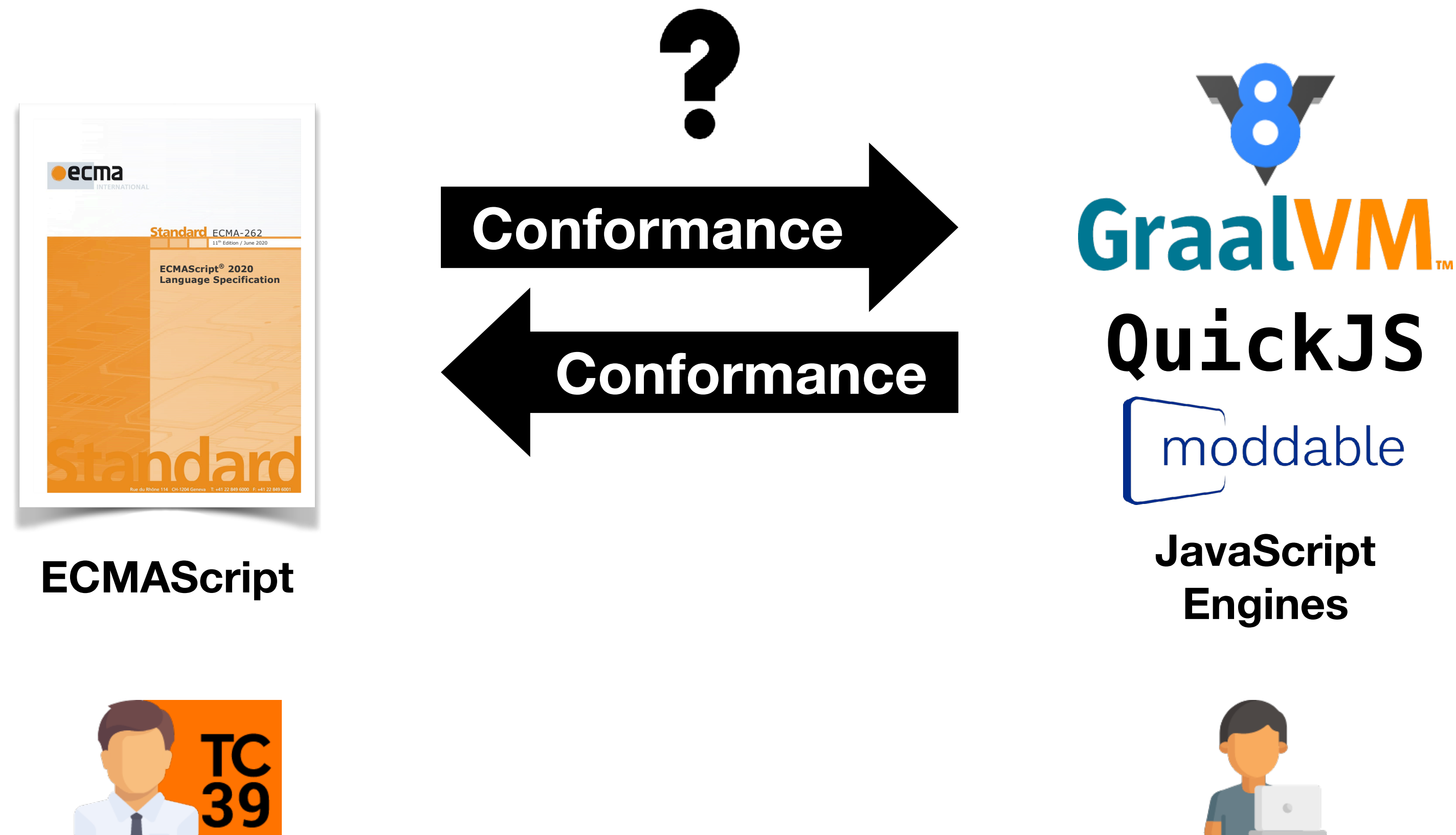
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The production of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

The Evaluation algorithm for
the third alternative of *ArrayLiteral* in ES12

JavaScript Specification and Engines



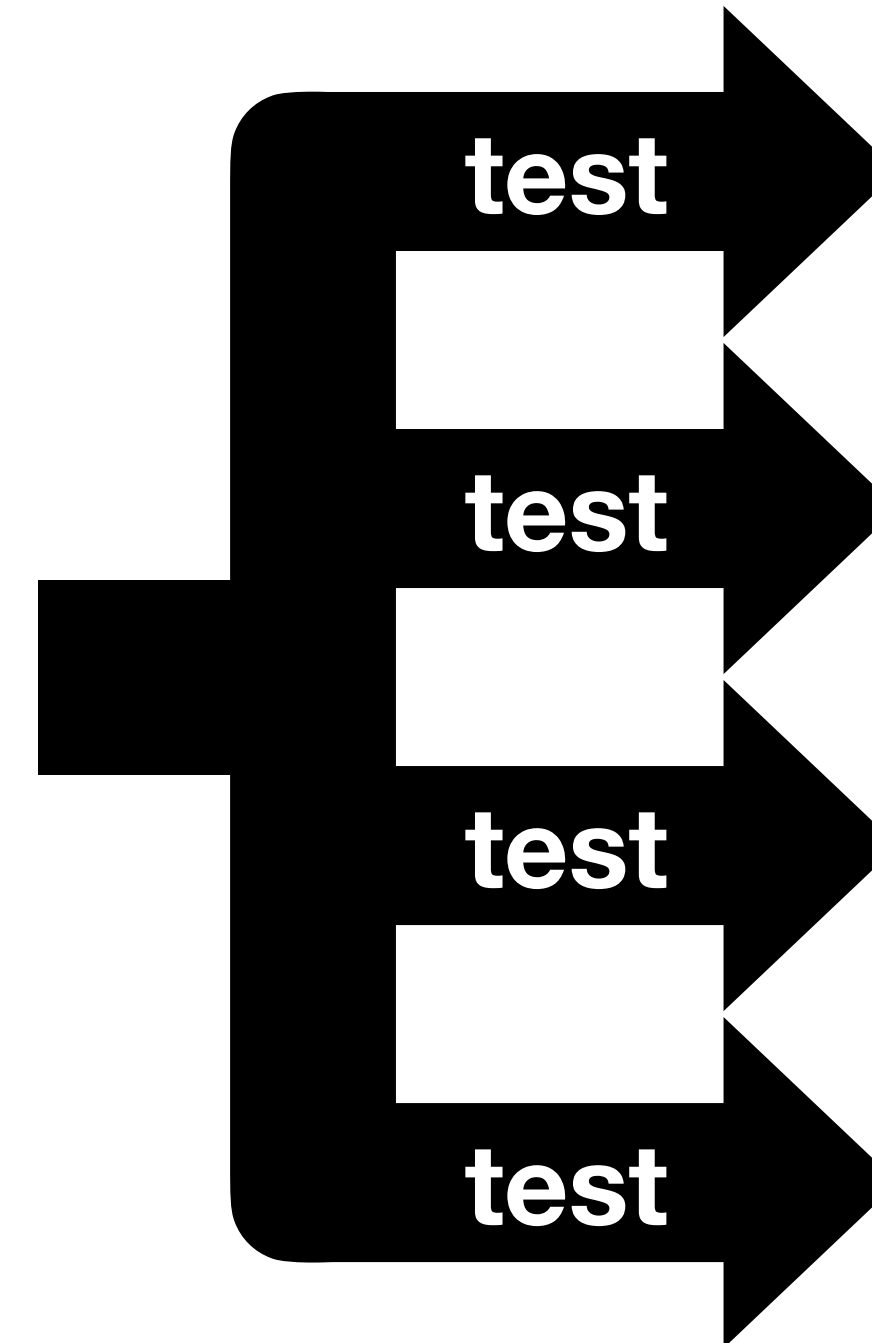
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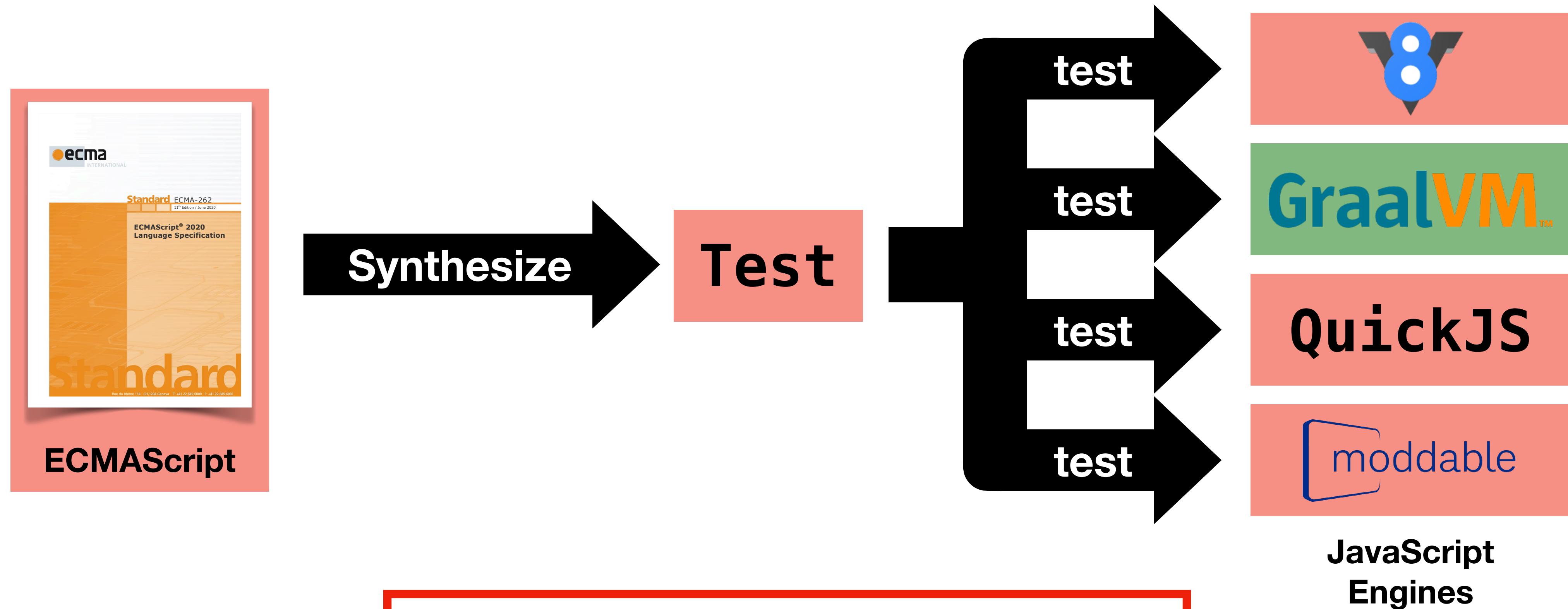
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JavaScript Engines

An engine bug in 

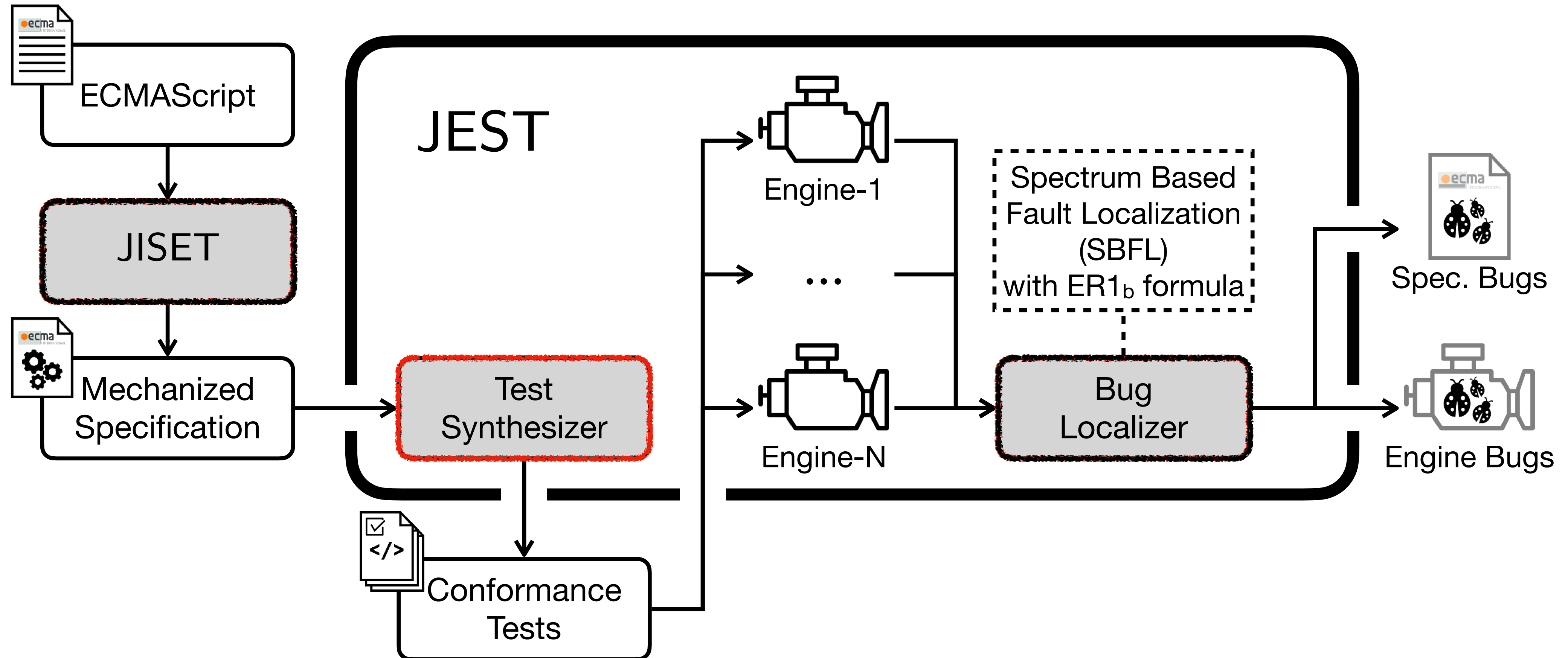
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A specification bug in ECMAScript
An engine bug in **GraalVM**

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JavaScript Engines and Specification Tester



[ASE'20] Park et al, "JISSET: Javascript IR-based Semantics Extraction Toolchain"

JEST - Test Synthesizer

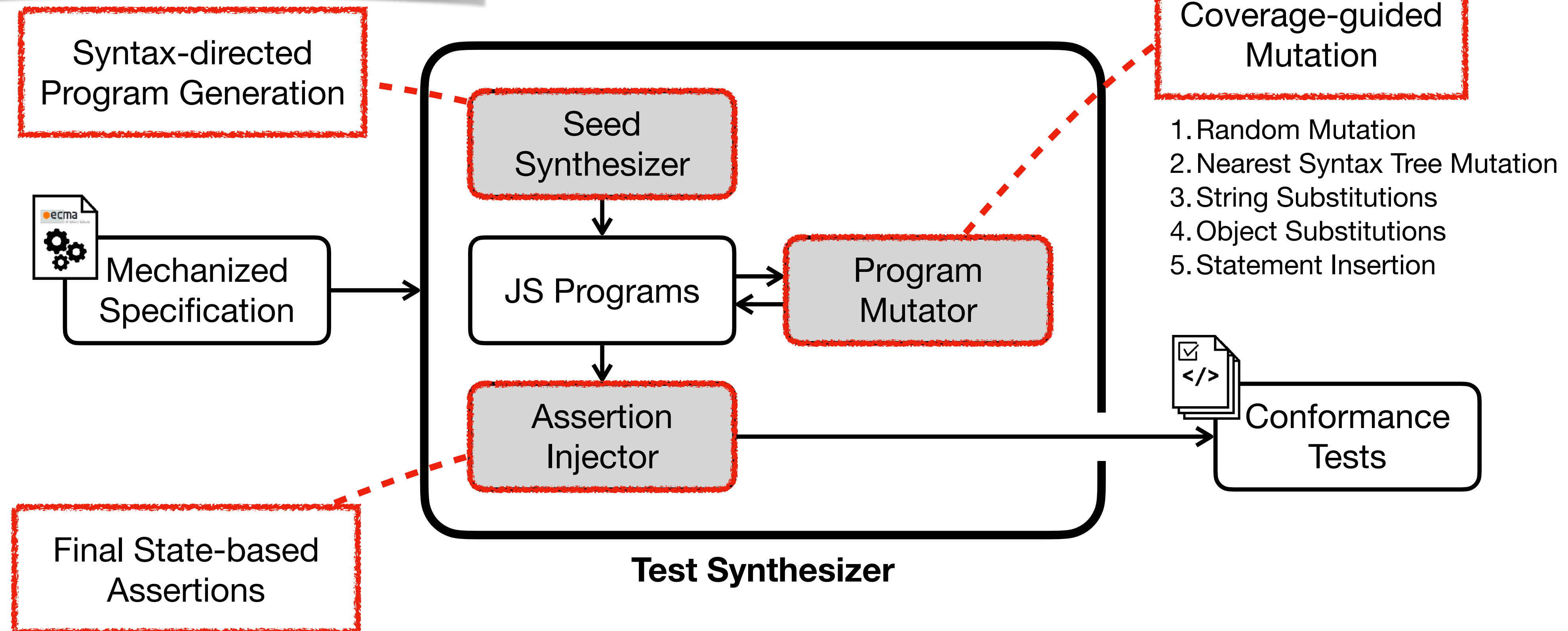
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JEST - Assertion Injector (7 Kinds)

1. Variable Values (Var)

```
var x = 1 + 2;  
+ $assert.sameValue(x, 3);
```

2. Object Values (Obj)

```
var x = {}, y = {}, z = { p: x, q: y };  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.p, x);  
+ $assert.sameValue(z.q, y);
```

3. Exceptions (Exc)

```
+ // Throw (SyntaxError)  
let x = 42;  
function x() {};
```

4. Aborts (Abort)

```
+ // Abort  
var x = 42; x++;
```

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5. Object Properties (Desc)

```
var x = { p: 42 };  
+ $verifyProperty(x, "p", {  
+   value: 42.0, writable: true,  
+   enumerable: true, configurable: true  
+ });
```

6. Property Keys (Key)

```
var x = {[Symbol.match]: 0, p: 0, 3: 0, q: 0, 1: 0};  
+ $assert.compareArray(  
+   Reflect.ownKeys(x),  
+   ["1", "3", "p", "q", Symbol.match]  
+ );
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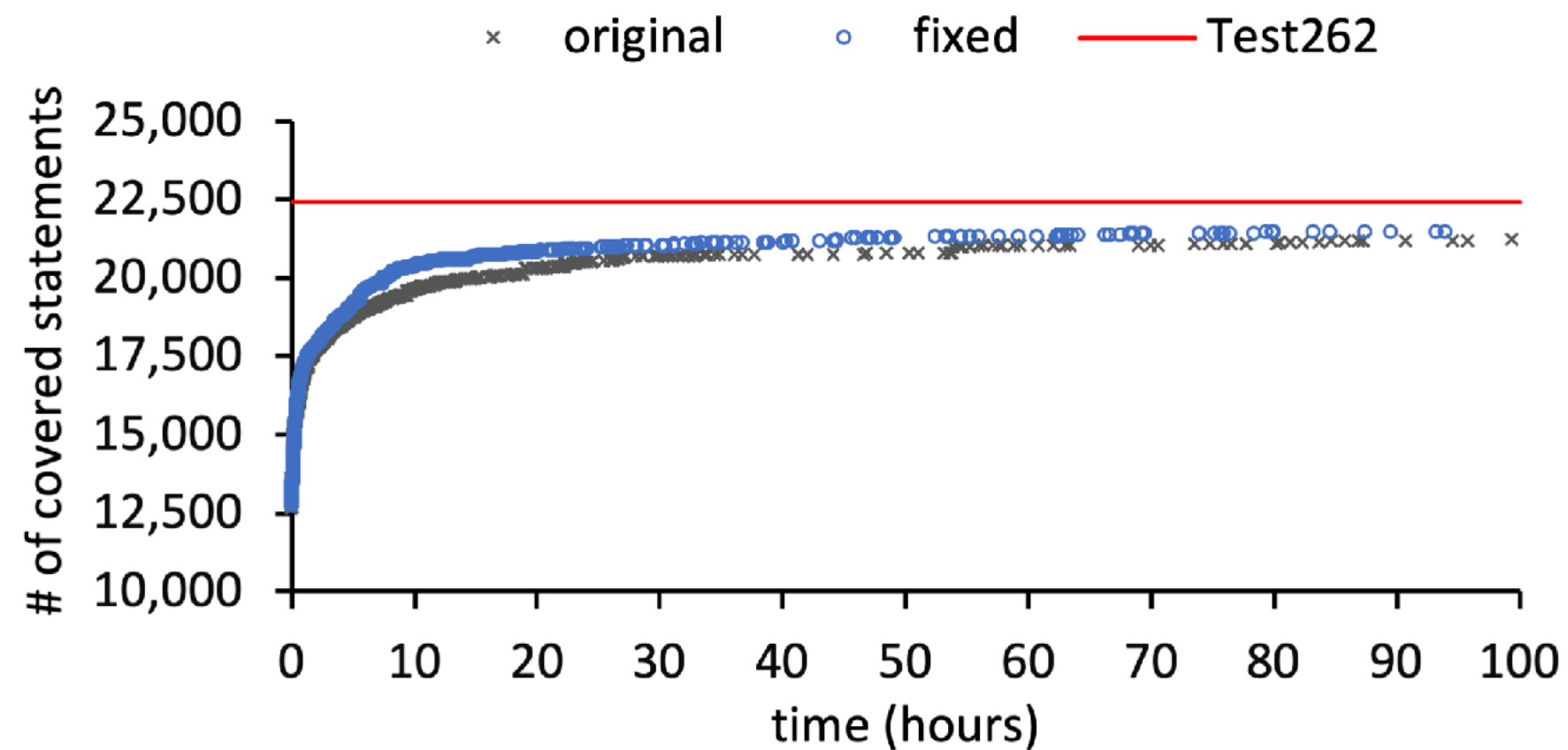
7. Internal Methods and Slots (In)

```
function f() {}  
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.getPrototypeOf(f),  
+   Function.prototype);  
+ $assert.sameValue(Object.isExtensible(x), true);  
+ $assert.callable(f);  
+ $assert.constructable(f);
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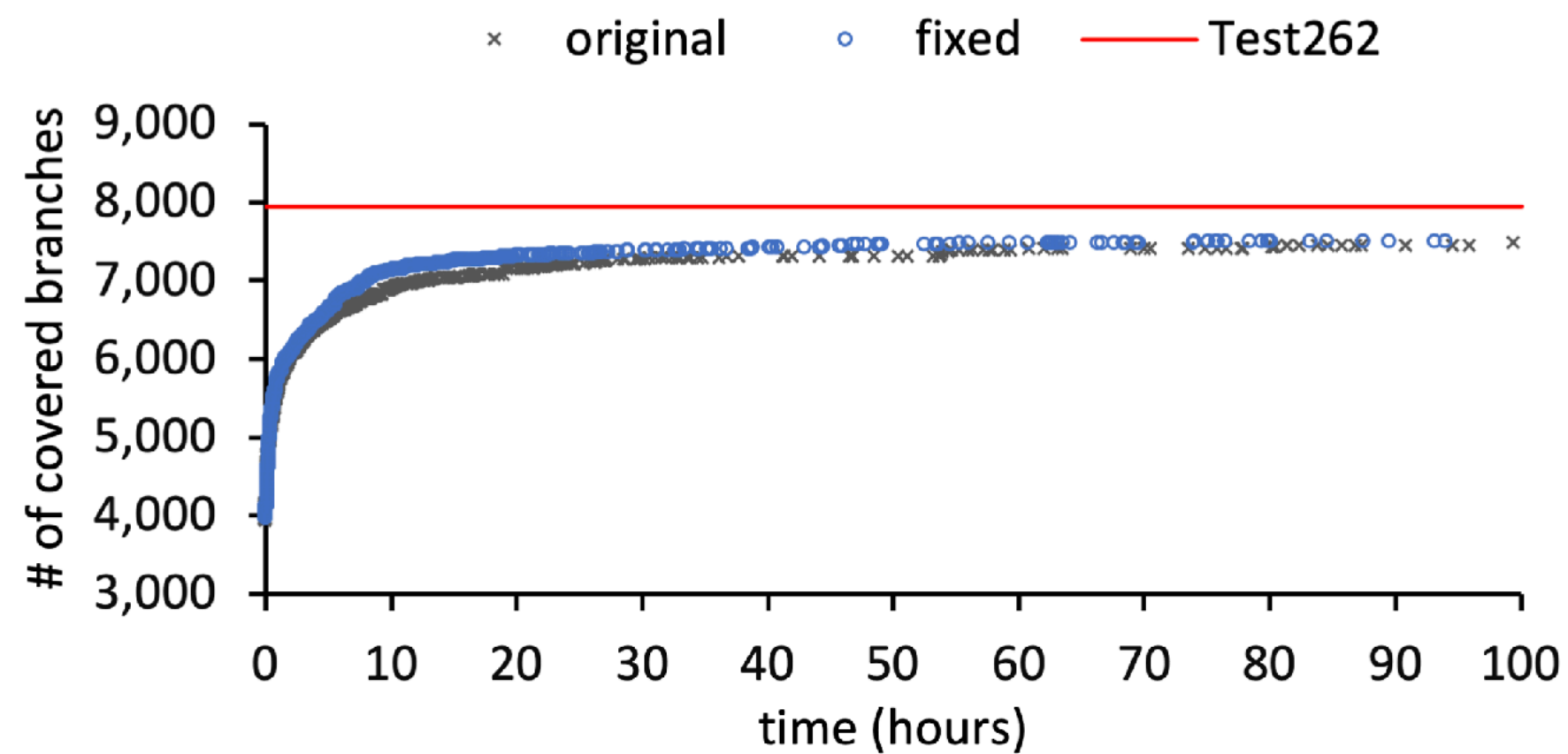
Evaluation

- JavaScript Specification
 - ECMAScript 2020 (ES11) - released in June 2020
- JavaScript Engines
 - **V8** - v8.3 by Google
 - **GraalJS** - v20.1.0 by Oracle
 - **QuickJS** - 2020-04-12 by Fabrice Bellard
 - **Moddable XS** - v10.3.0 by Moddable Tech Inc.

RQ1: Coverage of Synthesized Tests



(a) Statement coverage



(b) Branch coverage

- 1,700 **Synthesized Tests** in 100 hours
- **Syntax Coverage:** 97.79% (397 / 406)
- **Semantics Coverage**
 - Statement: 86.67% (21,230 / 24,495)
 - Branch: 77.95% (7,480 / 9,596)

RQ2: Bug Detection in JavaScript Engines

TABLE II: The number of engine bugs detected by JEST

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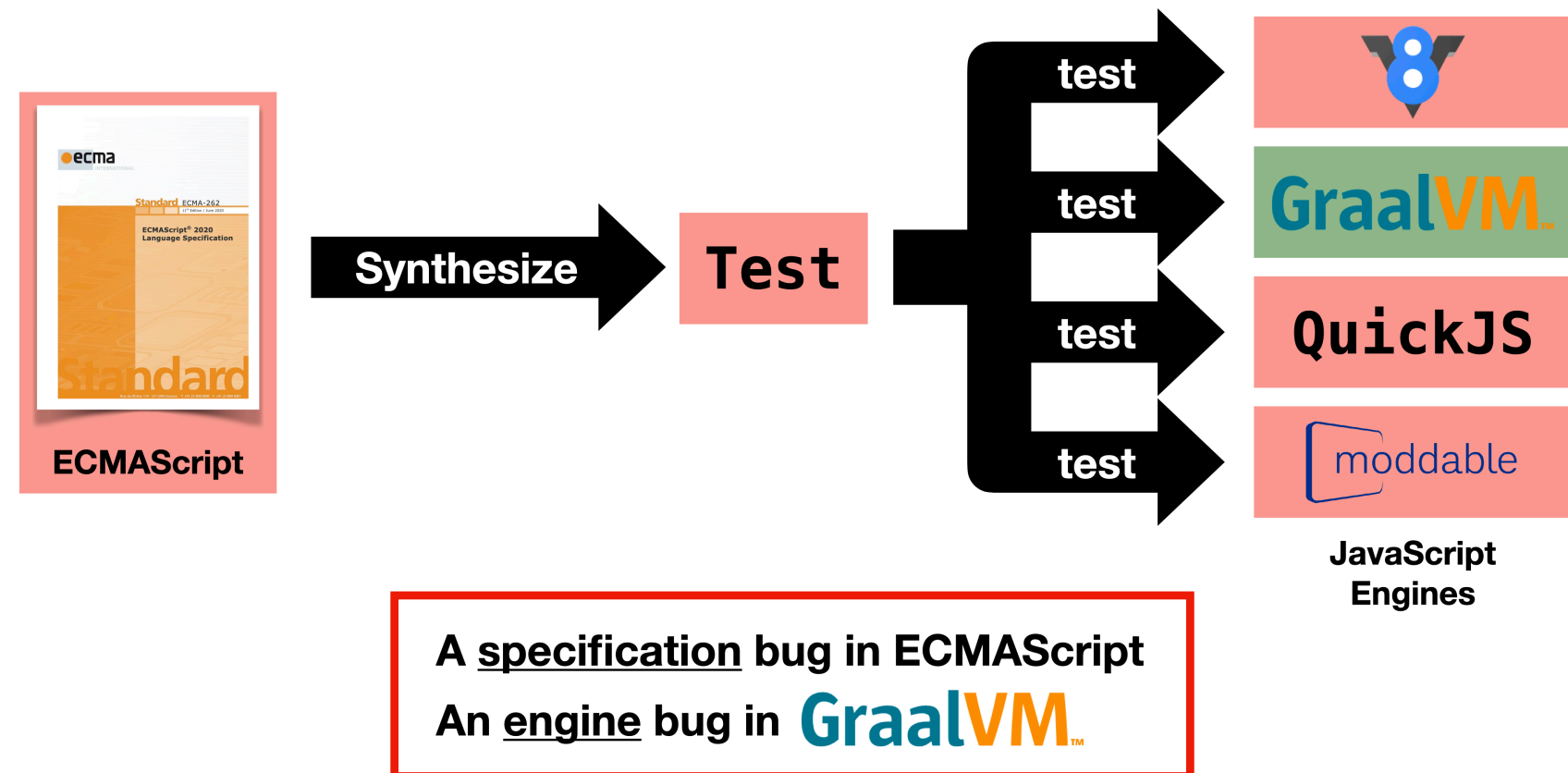
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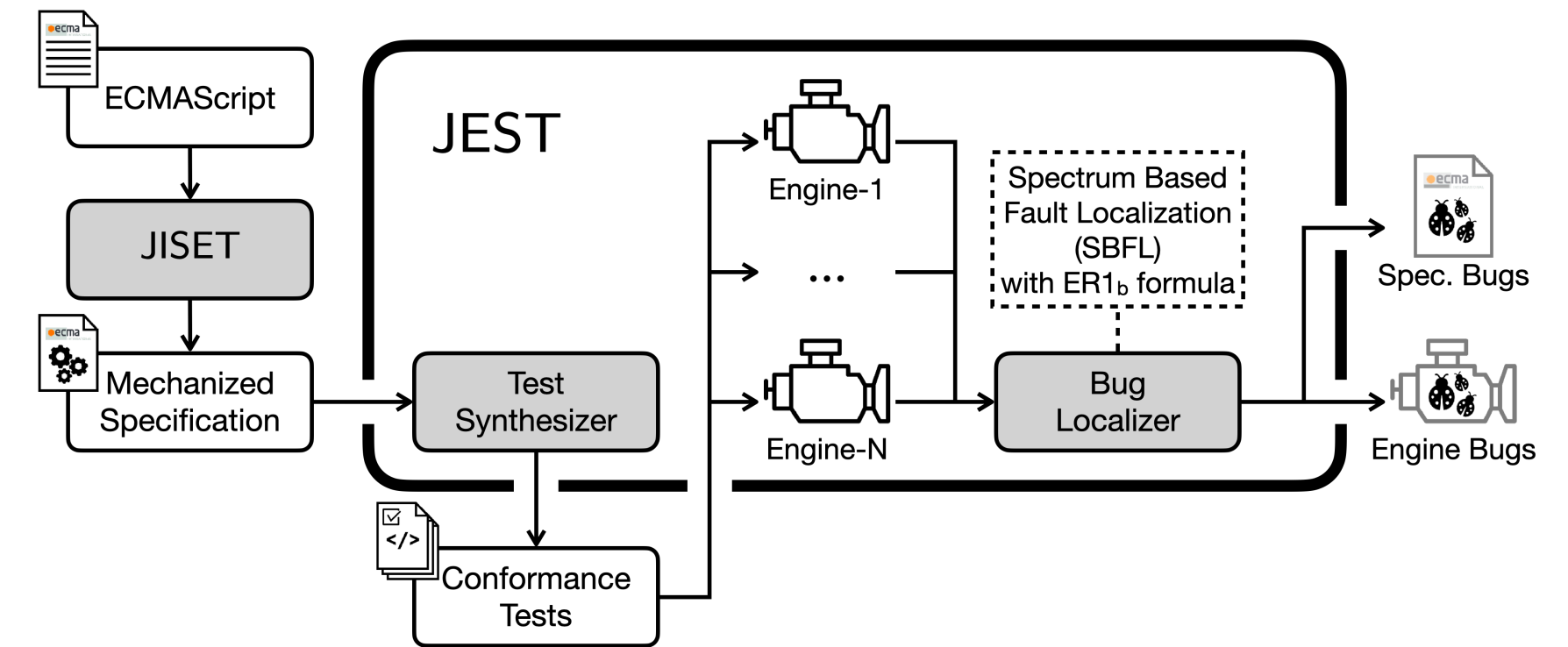
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